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Community welcomes Vietnam veterans home

By Staff Sgt. Corey Baltos ARNORTH Public Affairs

The service members and civilians of Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston, along with San Antonio community members, came together Nov. 7 to welcome home Vietnam veterans and thank them for their service during the "Vietnam Veterans' 50th Anniversary Welcome Home Ceremony."

When the veterans and their families arrived at Staff Post Parade Field, they were welcomed by a sight that brought a sense of déjà vu - a military ceremony; the ceremony was unique however, in that it was in their honor,

for their service, dating back to a time a half century ago and that continues through today.

For the Soldiers on hand, the opportunity to show their respect to their brothers and sisters from another generation held a special meaning. For many, they share a life experience with a parent - the experience of having served in a war

Many of the current Soldiers spoke of their experiences upon returning home from deployments.

For them, their welcome was to supportive communities, filled with cheers and fanfare. For

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Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Kimberly Green

The Vietnam veteran procession makes it way up the Corridor of Thanks, flanked by members of the surrounding community, next to Staff Post Parade Field as it moves to the historic Quadrangle during the Vietnam Veterans' 50th Anniversary Welcome Home Ceremony at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston. The Nov. 7 ceremony honored the Vietnam vets, their families and the organizations supporting the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston and San Antonio communities who work on their behalf.

ARSOUTH shares medical operations lessons learned with Chilean partners

Col. (Dr.) James Sheehan, U.S. Army South deputy chief of staff of medical, speaks to more than 200 military medical students and doctors at the Hospital Militar de Santiago Nov. 6 in Santiago, Chile. Sheehan was part of an Army South delegation of staff officers participating in the annual army-to-army staff talks between the U.S. and Chilean armies.

Photo by Eric R. Lucero



By Eric R. Lucero **ARSOUTH Public Affairs**

Col. (Dr.) James Sheehan, U.S. Army South deputy chief of staff for medical, addressed more than 200 military medical students and doctors at the Hospital Militar de Santiago Nov. 6 in Santiago, Chile.

As a result of the strong relationship between the two armies and previous agreements, the Chilean army Health Command Director, Maj. Gen. Humberto Oviedo asked Sheehan to share U.S. Army

lessons learned in the use of military medical professionals in an operational environment and define how treatment and care has improved for service members in the United States.

"It's important to share this information because these are lessons we've learned the hard way," said Sheehan.

The visit to the hospital was part of the three-day annual army-to-army staff talks between the U.S. and Chilean armies Nov. 5-7. The staff talks

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Cody named next chief master sergeant of the Air Force

Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Mark A. Welsh III has named Chief Master Sgt. James A. Cody to serve as the 17th chief master sergeant of the Air Force.

Cody will assume his new position Feb. 1, following the Jan. 31 retirement of current Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force James Roy. Roy's retirement will culminate more than 30 years of service to the Air Force.

"Chief Roy and his wife, Paula, have been a blessing for our Air Force. They have worked tirelessly for the past three-plus years as phenomenal advocates for our Airmen and families. Betty and I wish them all the best as they prepare for the next chapter in their lives," Welsh said.

"The quality and



professionalism of our enlisted force is unrivaled due in great part to the remarkable commitment and dedication of Chief Roy and Paula to take care of Airmen and their families," said Secretary of the Air Force Michael Donley. "The Air Force must continue to develop the quality Airmen the service needs and we look forward to the experience that Chief Cody and his wife, Athena, herself a retired chief master sergeant, will bring to this effort."

Cody, who joined the Air Force in 1984, is currently the command chief master sergeant for Air Education and Training Command. His career includes various assignments in air traffic control and as the command chief master sergeant, 15th Expeditionary Mobility Task Force, Travis Air Force Base, Calif.; 6th Air Mobility Wing, MacDill Air Force Base, Fla.; and 18th Air Force, Scott Air Force Base, Ill.

"We are excited to welcome Chief Cody and Athena to the team as they take the baton from the Roys," Welsh said.
"The next few years will be filled with many opportunities and challenges and our Air Force will greatly benefit from the leadership, experience and wisdom they bring."

"Chief Cody will do a fantastic job of representing the enlisted force," said Roy. "I have every confidence that he and Athena are prepared to handle the challenges that face our Airmen and their families in the years to come."

The office of the chief master sergeant of the Air Force represents the highest enlisted level of leadership, provides direction for the enlisted corps and represents their interests to the American public and all levels of government. The CMSAF serves as a personal advisor to the Air Force Chief of Staff and Secretary of the Air Force on all issues regarding the welfare, readiness, proper utilization and progress of the enlisted force and their families.

(Source: Air Force News Service)

Congratulations to the following senior master sergeants for earning promotion to chief master sergeant, the Air Force's highest enlisted rank.

Nicholas Bender Terry Best Rennahan

Thomas Boslet

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John Crawford

Keith Davis

Barry Godfrey

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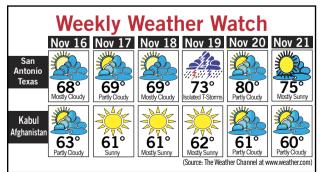
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Construction around Building 366

Due to the removal and repair of clay tiles on the roof of Building 366 the contractor requests an area around the building to be cleared of all vehicles and foot traffic for safety reasons in case of falling debris. The work takes place until approximately Jan. 5.

Army Benefits Center-Civilian's Newest Benefits Tool: **eRetirement**

Retirement is an important milestone in an employee's life. The Army Benefits Center-Civilian offers the new eRetirement web application, located in the Employee Benefits Information System, which allows an employee to easily fill out a retirement application. Army-serviced employees, within one year of retirement, can fill out an application on the ABC-C secure website at https://www.abc. army.mil with a Common Access Card and then selecting the EBIS icon or web link. Next, employees enter their Social Security Number and Personal Identification Number. Click on the eRetirement button and complete all the forms listed. Once finished, print each form individually, review closely and sign any applicable forms. Finally, send the application to the ABC-C at 301 Marshall Avenue, Fort Riley, KS, 66442. ABC-C reviews the application closely and sends a letter stating the application has been received. For more information on eRetirement, contact a benefits counselor at 1-877-276-9287 between 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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San Antonio community honors veterans – past and present

Story and photos by Lori Newman JBSA-FSH News Leader

Members of the military and civilian communities gathered at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery Nov. 11 to honor veterans past and present.

"Today's events mark as a tribute to the sacrifices, determination and great courage of those who have served and those who are still serving," said retired Air Force Master Sgt. Tom Earnest, master of ceremonies.

"Because of our veterans, millions of people live in freedom and America remains

the greatest force in the world. On this day we honor their role in protecting our country and the liberties we enjoy."

Brig. Gen. Theresa C. Carter, Joint Base San Antonio and 502nd Air Base Wing commander, served as keynote speaker for the day's event.

Carter highlighted the service of veterans such as Medal of Honor recipient Army Master Sgt. Cleto Rodriquez and Navy Seaman 2nd Class Dee Hall, who are interred at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery.

The men and women serving in the military today carry on the

legacy of those who have served before them, Carter said.

"I am inspired every day by their passion, dedication and devotion to duty; their desire to be a part of something that's bigger than themselves," the general said.

Carter also spoke about wounded warriors like Army Staff Sgt. Bobby a professional comedian after recovering from his injuries and Air Force Tech Sgt. Israel Del Toro who reenlisted after being deemed 100 percent disabled.

"We honor and remember our Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines and Coast Guardsmen by never forgetting their service and sacrifice and by continually striving to live by the core values that they embodied," said Carter.

During the ceremony, U.S. Magistrate Judge John Primomo presided



Henline who became Brig. Gen. Theresa C. Carter, Joint Base San Antonio and 502nd Air Base Wing commander, addresses the crowd at the Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery on Veterans Day. Carter served as keynote speaker for the day's event.

> as 15 service members from around the world became United States citizens.

"I want to thank each of you for your service to this country ... choosing to serve this country even before it became your country," said Primomo before administering the oath of citizenship.

The ceremony also included patriotic music



The Joint Services Color Guard posts the colors Nov. 11 during the ceremony to honor veterans who have served and are still serving.

performed by the 323rd Army Band "Fort Sam's Own" and the Texas Children's Choir.

A World War II veteran summed up the day's events by saying, "Veterans mean everything."



Veterans and family members honor the U.S. flag during the Veterans Day ceremony at the Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery.



Service members wait for U.S. Magistrate Judge John Primomo to administer the oath of citizenship during the Veterans Day ceremony at the Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery Nov. 11.

Fall in line for healthy Living Health Fair

By Capt. Kevin Sons AMEDDC&S

Preventative medicine and public health students attending the Principles of Military Preventive Medicine course at the Academy of Health Sciences partnered with the environmental science officers and conducted a health fair Nov. 6, to promote healthy living initiatives.

The Army Surgeon General, Lt. Gen. Patricia Horoho is focusing the Army Medical Department on three prime directives: physical activity, sleep and nutrition.

The Army surgeon general's goal is to build greater awareness of healthy lifestyles and promote changing the Army medical system from a system of reactive health care to a system of health and health promotion where the lifestyle choices of service members and their families have the greatest impact

on health and wellness.

In all, 22 tables displayed posters, graphics, and statistics on some of the latest health related

topics.

The health fair was highlighted by a one hour Zumba fitness class held in the open courtof Willis Hall.

vard of the ground floor

Zumba is the latest fitness exercise incorporating a Latin inspired dance-fitness program that has become one of the most popular fitness Students and Army

programs in the world.

Medical Department Center and School staff ioined in to move and dance around the atrium learning to have fun while being fit at the same time.

Other stations included information about health promotion such as sexually transmitted diseases, the WIC program, immunizations, heat and cold injury prevention, stress management, nutrition, Army Community Service programs, financial readiness, personal safety, West Nile virus prevention, cancer issues, benefits of running, dangers of obesity, cautions about using nutritional supplements, smoking cessation, hearing protection and influenza awareness.

At the Army Hearing Program table, two audiologists offered the



Photo by Esther Garcia

Col. Mustapha Debboun (far right), chief, Department of Preventive Health Services, Academy of Health Sciences, Army Medical Department Center and School, watches as a student describes her exhibit in nutrition at the health fair Nov. 6 at Willis Hall. The health fair was an opportunity to promote a healthier lifestyle.

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Flu Shots Available On and Off Post

Seasonal influenza vaccines are offered at the Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797, for Department of Defense benificiaries 5 years and older from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 21 and 28. Vaccines for DOD beneficiaries 18 years and older are administered from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 16. Beneficiaries can also get the vaccine at no cost at one of 45,000 network pharmacies that administer vaccines to TRICARE beneficiaries. Find a participating pharmacy at http://www.express-scripts.com/tricare/pharmacy, or by calling Express Scripts at 1-877-363-1303.

Flu Shots at WHASC

Flu shots are available for all active duty personnel at the main immunizations clinic at Wilford Hall Ambulatory Surgical Center. This is a mandatory requirement and must be completed by Nov. 21. Flu shots are available for all Department of Defense beneficiaries in the WHASC atrium from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Active duty has priority. Patients with booked appointments may also receive the vaccine with their primary care manager. For more information, call 292-4278.

Customer Care Center at the CPAC

People looking for job information can visit the new customer care center at the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center, Building 144, 2438 Stanley Road. Army civilian employees can also receive assistance with resetting passwords for the Electronic Benefits Information System or completing employee beneficiary forms. For more information, call 221-1425.

Nasal influenza research study

Brooke Army Medical Center is enrolling people for a self-administered nasal influenza feasibility study. Male and female applicants should be in good health, between 18 and 49 years of age and be a Department of Defense beneficiary. During the study, applicants will complete an interview and diary, have blood drawn twice, make two visits over a one-month period and be supplied with the nasal vaccination. There is a payment of \$25 for each blood draw. To apply, or for more information, call 916-6014.

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Photo by Sgt. Maj. Eric Lobsinger

Native American Vietnam veterans listen as retired Maj. Gen. Patrick Brady speaks Nov. 7 during the Vietnam Veterans' 50th Anniversary Welcome Home Ceremony at the Staff Post Parade Field on JBSA-Fort Sam Houston. Those in attendance gathered to thank and honor Vietnam War veterans and their families for their service to the nation. Brady, a Medal of Honor recipient and Vietnam veteran, served as the guest of honor.

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many of the Vietnam veterans, however, their experiences were a stark contrast.

"I was solely focused on getting out of the Army," said Eric Strand, a Vietnam veteran whose daughter has since deployed to combat zones.

"I didn't want to talk about it – and neither did my friends, so I was cool with that."

Try as he may, Strand said he could not forget the experience; it was a part of him. Like his fellow veterans, his experience made him into the man he is today.

As a nation, it is important to remember the sacrifices of the men and women who served their nation in Vietnam and the hardships they faced when they returned home.

"Our Vietnam veterans have a slogan: 'Never again shall one generation of veterans abandon another,'" said Lt. Gen. William Caldwell IV, commanding general of U.S. Army North and senior commander of Fort Sam Houston and Camp Bullis.

"They have taken this message to heart, whether it be welcoming our men and women home after a tour in Iraq or Afghanistan, or by just simply being a great mentor for our newest generation of veterans.

"These Vietnam veterans have stood shoulderto-shoulder with us. So today, the Army team at Fort Sam Houston, along with the San Antonio community, will embrace that slogan – that we, too, have not forgotten."

The ceremony held special meaning for many of the veterans, who said they appreciated the fact their fellow service members and community members came together and expressed their gratitude for their service.

"I was in the Army for 20 years," said Steve Zavala, who was drafted toward the end of the Vietnam War. "I served in Operation Just Cause, Desert Storm and throughout the Cold War. This is the first time I have been welcomed home."

Zavala is now a civilian employee at Army North's Network Enter-



Photo by Sgt. Maj. Eric Lobsinger

Lt. Gen. William B. Caldwell IV speaks to Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston and San Antonio community members Nov. 7 during the Vietnam Veterans' 50th Anniversary Welcome Home Ceremony at the Staff Post Parade Field. Those in attendance gathered to thank and honor Vietnam War veterans and their families for their service to the nation. Caldwell is the commanding general of U.S. Army North and senior commander of Fort Sam Houston and Camp Bullis.

prise Center.

The Vietnam War was a long, hard-fought war. American troops first set foot in Vietnam Nov. 1, 1955 when the U.S. sent in military advisors. Our forces finally left Vietnam nearly 20 years later with the fall of Saigon April 30, 1975.

For many of the veterans, the ceremony provided a chance to heal.

"When I returned home in 1971, I was met with hostility," said Carl Bierschwale, who served with the 20th Engineer Brigade in the Iron Triangle, located in the Bing Duong Province. "Even people at my church looked down on me. What we did over there is still with us, and little things can bring it all back."

This ceremony, he said, helps with the healing process.

"I wish I could find the right feelings," said retired Maj. Gen. Patrick Brady, a Medal of Honor recipient and Vietnam



Photo by Sgt. St Class Kimberly Green

A Vietnam veteran reads the names of Texas Fallen Heroes Nov. 7 during the Vietnam Veterans' 50th Anniversary Welcome Home Ceremony at JBSA-Fort Sam Houston.

veteran, who served as the guest of honor.

"Our American veterans have nobility. Vietnam vets are the real peace demonstrators – no one could do anymore for peace.

"We appreciate deeply what you are doing for us."

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concluded with U.S. Army South, on behalf of the U.S. Army, developing a bilateral engagement plan and an agreement between both armies to conduct selected subject matter expert exchanges and training events next year.

Sheehan discussed the U.S. Army's healthcare system structure and the experiences medical professionals gained in Afghanistan, Iraq and in humanitarian and disaster relief operations, which are not only resulting in improved care in military medicine, but also in civilian hospitals.

The Chilean army medical professionals shared their experiences responding to natural disasters, such as earth-quakes in their own country.

"Anytime vou can



Photo by Eric R. Lucero

Col. (Dr.) James Sheehan (right), U.S. Army South deputy chief of staff of medical, speaks to Chilean Maj. Gen. Humberto Oviedo, just prior to his medical presentation to more than 200 military medical students and doctors at the Hospital Militar de Santiago Nov. 6 in Santiago, Chile. Sheehan was part of an Army South delegation of staff officers participating in the annual army-to-army staff talks between the U.S. and Chilean armies. The staff talks serve as a bilateral forum for strategic-level discussion between respective armies.

provide a partner nation with the insight of the hard fought lessons that we've come across over the years, it helps to improve the care that they give to their personnel. It also helps to improve the relationships between our two armies and nations," said Sheehan.

Similar to the medical engagement event taking place at the Chilean hos-

pital, the staff talks produced a plan for the two armies to share knowledge and capabilities on a variety of topics and discuss mutual support for future peacekeeping, humanitarian and disaster response operations and exercises.

Sheehan's presentation validated the importance of the staff talks and sharing knowledge with the Chilean army to help develop and expand military medical capabilities for both armies.

"In regards to Col. Sheehan's presentation, they [Chilean army personnel] were very interested in learning how we have improved Army medicine in caring for Soldiers injured on the battlefield, and how they are cared for during triage, immediate and long-term and all the way through the rehabilitation process," said Col. Tim

Hodge, the Army South chief of international military affairs.

"The Chileans, like many of our partners, understand that we have vast experience coming out of wartime posture and some of the things we've learned during that time are being applied to how we conduct day-to-day operations."

During the subject matter expert exchange both armies discussed opportunities to improve capabilities and provide medical care following a disaster or during an operation.

"This helps the Chileans understand that we are very transparent in what we do," said Hodge. "It helps to build confidence in the two armies and we are hoping the Chileans will take advantage of our lessons learned to maximize their efforts in future operations."

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participants the opportunity to examine the inside of their ears using a modified otoscope, that had a camera attached, to visualize their ear drums and inner ear canals on a television monitor, displaying what the doctor sees during an ear examination.

Maj. Rosemary Wosky, the 6A-F5 course coordinator said "the health fair was a true success implemented by motivated students aimed at educating the public on many of the health issues which the military faces today.

"It was an example of working in the 'white space', outside of the physician's office, to connect with people about their health and wellness."

CLOWNING AROUND FOR A GOOD CAUSE



Photo by Deyanira Romo Rossell

Terrence Frost, deputy director of the 502nd Force Support Squadron, had some Halloween fun, while raising money for the 2012 Combined Federal Campaign. He made stops all over Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston, including the 502nd Mission Support Group headquarters. The CFC goal for JBSA-Fort Sam Houston is \$1.4 million, with \$802,000 in pledges made so far on the installation. The campaign runs until Dec. 15.

DISTINGUISHED VISITOR



Photo by Ryan Mattox

Gen. Dennis Via, commanding general, U.S. Army Materiel Command, greets Victor Gallegos during a visit to the Mission and Installation Contracting Command Nov. 6 at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston. While at the MICC, Via was briefed on the MICC mission by the command's leadership and then he shared his thoughts on the critical role of contracting with the senior staff. Gallegos is a human resource specialist with the MICC.

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Photo by Lori Newman

Maj. Gen. Alfred J. Stewart, commander of the Air Force Personnel Center at Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph, speaks to the crowd at the Bexar County Buffalo Soldiers Veterans Day ceremony. Stewart said he attended the event last year and was asked to speak at this year's event.



Bexar County Buffalo Soldiers salute the U.S. flag during a Veterans Day ceremony at the San Antonio National Cemetery Nov. 11. The ceremony is held in conjunction with The Greater San Antonio Chamber of Commerce Celebrate America's Military events throughout the city. The association is a multi-cultural organization dedicated to educating the public about the history of the Buffalo Soldiers and Black Indian Scouts and their contributions in settling the western sector of the United States during the early 1880s.



Photo by Sgt. Lee Ezzell

A group of veterans pause for a moment of silence and remember their friends and fellow service members who made the ultimate sacrifice in defense of the nation during the Veterans Day ceremony Nov. 6 at Pershing Elementary School. Soldiers with Headquarters, Headquarters Battalion, U.S. Army North, who partner with the school, joined the students, faculty members, San Antonio Independent School District leaders, and local veterans in honoring those who have served or are currently serving in defense of the nation.



Photo by Esther Garcia

The Joint Service Color Guard led by the Army Medical Department Center and School Color Guard prepare to post the colors during the wreath ceremony at Alamo Plaza Nov. 10 honoring military veterans and their families prior to the start of the annual Veterans Parade.



Photo by Sgt. Lee Ezzel

Students of Pershing Elementary School wave the Stars and Stripes as U.S. Army North's 323rd Army Band brass quintet plays patriotic music Nov. 6 during a Veterans Day ceremony at school. Soldiers with Headquarters, Headquarters Battalion, U.S. Army North, who partner with the school, joined the students, faculty members, San Antonio Independent School District leaders and local veterans in honoring those who have served or are currently serving in defense of the nation



the streets of downtown San Antonio.

Photo by Sgt. Lee Ezzell

Gen. Charles Jacoby, commanding general, North American Aerospace Defense Command and U.S. Northern Command, speaks about the role his command plays in the defense of the nation Nov. 8 during the Spirit of America Dinner. The dinner, hosted by the Greater San Antonio Chamber of Commerce, is part of Celebrate America's Military, an 11-day series of events organized by the



Photo by Esther Garcia

Military and civilian community leaders presented wreaths at the Alamo recognizing the contributions and sacrifices of military veterans and their families during a ceremony held Nov. 10 prior to the Veterans Parade. Each of the military representatives described the national defense missions of their respective service. Following the ceremony at the Alamo, the military representatives boarded military tactical vehicles and participated in the parade. The annual wreath ceremony and Veterans Parade is sponsored by the U.S. Military Veterans Parade Association.



Photo by Esther Garcia Capt. Jeffery Luffman, commander, Company C, 187th Medical Battalion and 1st Sgt. Martyn Pauwels march in the 13th Annual Veterans Parade Nov. 10. Approximately 35 Soldiers from the company carried a 20 by 30 foot U.S. flag along the parade route through Chamber.



Photo by Laura Lobsinger

Well-wishers cheer on a group of riders participating in The Texas Honor Ride as they pass under an Interstate 10 overpass Nov. 10. The ride started in Houston, and San Antonio area riders joined their fellow riders at the Exit 619 rest area en route to the Warrior and Family Support Center on Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston. After enjoying a lunch provided by Rudy's Bar-B-Q, more than 1,000 participants, who traveled on more than 700 motorcycles, watched as a check for \$250,000 was donated to the WFSC. Over the past seven years, organizers for the ride have raised more than \$900,000 in support of wounded warriors and their families.

ARMY NORTH OFFICIALS OBSERVE SIGNS OF RECOVERY IN NEW YORK CITY



Col. Ed Manning, Army North's defense coordinating officer for the Region VII Defense Coordinating Element, along with Mike Wagner of the New York City Housing Authority, discuss the location where city emergency managers are placing temporary generators in a Far Rockaway neighborhood in New York City Nov. 7. Manning said he saw numerous signs of progress as he toured areas hard hit by Hurricane Sandy in New York City. The Army officer has been in the city since Nov. 1 coordinating federal military support to the five boroughs of New York City. His Kansas City, Mo., based DCE is part of the team of federal responders providing support to the state and city as they recover from the Oct. 29 landfall of Hurricane Sandy and a winter Nor'easter storm that hit the area Nov. 7.



Col. Ed Manning, Army North's defense coordinating officer for the Region VII Defense Coordinating Element, and a member of Task Force Unwatering stand outside the mobile operations center established to support the task force. Task Force Unwatering, comprised of city, state and military engineers, has been pumping water from various tunnels in the city in support of the New York Metropolitan Transit Authority following Hurricane Sandy.

Photos by Patti Bielling

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Thanksgiving break Junior Varsity and Varsity Basketball vs. Navarro at Cole, 4 p.m. (JV), 5:30 p.m. (V), 7 p.m. (V)
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Army breast cancer vaccine research achieves multiple milestones

By Jerrod Resweber Army News Service

If Col. George Peoples has anything to say about it, pink ribbons will one day be obsolete and breast cancer will be a preventable disease.

Peoples, chief of surgical oncology at San Antonio Military Medical Center is the founder, director and principal investigator of the Cancer Vaccine Development Program, or CVDP, an Army research network that this month is celebrating a few milestones toward its mission to prevent breast cancer.

Breast cancer is one of the most frequent cancers in the U.S. military, just as it is prevalent in the civilian world. For more than 15 years, the CVDP has been conducting research on vaccines that target human epidermal growth factor receptor 2 (HER2/neu), a protein that is expressed by breast cancer cells.

The Army is an ideal place to conduct medical research, according to Peoples.

"Military families want to be of service and help others, so they're more likely to say yes to a clinical trial," he said. "Our acceptance rate [for clinical trials] is nearly 50 percent, while in the civilian world it's in the single digits."

Other aspects of Army medicine also facilitate medical research. For example, all major hospitals in the military system are linked through electronic medical records, allowing patients to move among facilities worldwide and resulting in a lower dropout rate than civilian

studies.

The vaccines, made up of peptides, are small pieces of the HER2/neu protein, which the immune system can recognize and attack with T-cells. Army researchers at CVDP have studied several peptides, each of which offer lessons on how to identify and eliminate cancerous cells and are in different stages of development.

E75 Phase II Clinical Trials Complete

Sept. 10 was a key date for the CVDP: Phase II of a clinical trial on a peptide called E75 concluded after 11 vears. E75 was discovered in the mid-1990s, and Peoples has taken it through consecutive stages of development pre-clinical, clinical and human trials. Phase II of the trial studied E75 in preventing recurrence of breast cancer in a control group of cancer survivors versus a vaccinated group. The final Phase II report will be delivered at the San Antonio Breast Cancer Symposium in December.

A Phase III trial began in January and will include between 700 and 1,000 breast cancer patients around the world.

"The Phase II trial data has shown that the rate of breast cancer recurrence in women who received E75 was half the rate observed in the control group," said Peoples. "We look forward to seeing if the Phase III trial will confirm these results."

E75 In Combination With Trastuzumab (Herceptin)

This fall Peoples hopes



Photo by Linda Hosek

Army Col. (Dr.) George E. Peoples explains how cancer vaccines help combat breast cancer at San Antonio Military Medical Center. Peoples helped to develop a vaccine that's offering breast cancer survivors hope for a cancer-free future.

to initiate a new clinical trial at the CDVP that uses the E75 vaccine in combination with trastuzumab (Herceptin), an injection currently used to treat breast cancer. to test for a synergistic effect. Breast cancer patients who express a high level of HER2/neu are indicated for treatment with Herceptin. This study examines whether vaccine therapy combined with Herceptin may be an option for those with lower or moderate rates of HER2/neu expression.

AE37 Study Presented At American College Of Surgeons Clinical Congress

On Oct. 2 at the American College of Surgeons Clinical Congress, the CDVP presented a poster on another peptide, AE37, which showed that

after completing standard treatment, breast cancer survivors who received injections of AE37 were more likely to survive in remission without recurrence than the control group in the study. While AE37 did not prevent recurrence in all patients, it provoked an immunologic response in patients across the board, including survivors at high risk of recurrence, those with the hard-to-treat "triple negative" form of breast cancer and those with lower levels of HER2 expression.

"Patients with a lower level of expressed HER2 protein, who wouldn't be eligible for the HER2-binding antibody, trastuzumab (Herceptin), had a survival rate of more than 88 percent, compared to 70 percent in the control group," said

Capt. John Berry, MD, a research associate. "The vaccine may have benefited patients with less aggressive cancers."

E39 Targets A New Protein

The first patient was enrolled in August of this year as the CVDP moves into an exciting new direction with a new series of trials on a vaccine peptide (E39) that targets a different highly expressed protein, FBP – an abbreviation for folate binding protein – instead of HER2. There are no drugs currently available that target FBP.

A major innovation of the CVDP was its emphasis on reducing recurrence in breast cancer survivors that successfully completed a course of standard treatment prior to being vaccinated. "Our program was one of the first to enroll cancer survivors with healthy immune systems rather than focus on people with end-stage, metastatic cancer," said Peoples. "Enrolling patients with very advanced cancer is a holdover from trials testing toxic chemotherapies. Data has shown that the vaccines, in contrast, are non-toxic."

In the meantime, cancer remains a major threat to human health and Peoples said there is much work ahead for the CVDP.

"The ultimate goal is to vaccinate at-risk patients who have never had cancer," he said. "We are looking at areas of future research in combining vaccines and combining a vaccine with other forms of immunotherapy. HER2/neu is expressed in other cancers, and we hope to one day have vaccines to prevent lung, colon, prostate and ovarian cancers."

Peoples received his undergraduate degree from the United States Military Academy at West Point, N.Y., in 1984 and graduated from Johns Hopkins School of Medicine. His interest in immunotherapy and cancer research was sparked during his residency in general surgery at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston. He continued his education with a research fellowship at the Laboratory of **Biologic Cancer Therapy** at Harvard Medical School, and training in surgical oncology at MD Anderson Cancer Center. He has been working on cancer research ever since.



Turkey Trot

Runners are invited to the annual Turkey Trot at 7 a.m. Nov. 17 at the Jimmy Brought Fitness Center. Following the trot, participants will enjoy complimentary fruit and refreshments and can take their chance in the turkey raffle. Call 221-1234 for information.

Annual Neanderthal Warrior Trail Run

The 9K trail run begins at 7:30 a.m. Nov. 17 through parts of JBSA-Camp Bullis. Runners can check in at 6:30 a.m. The run starts and finishes at the Training Support Company, Building 5130. The cost is \$20/Military ID, \$25/civilian or \$70/four-person team. Register online at https://register.iaapweb.com/search/event.aspx?id=14977. Participants can pay the day of the race but must have exact change.

National Native American Indian Heritage Month Celebration Nov. 17, 10:45 a.m.-4 p.m. at

the historic JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Quadrangle. The ceremony begins with the blessing of the arena at 10:45 a.m. followed by gourd dancing at 11 a.m. and the grand entry at 12:30 p.m. This event is hosted by U.S. Army North with performances by the United San Antonio Pow Wow, Inc.

Child, Youth & School Services Fall and Winter Camps

JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Parent Central is registering children for full-day fall and winter camp for children grades first through 12th. Care is provided from 6 a.m.-6 p.m. Fall camp is Nov. 19-21 and winter camp is Dec. 24-Jan. 4. Call 221-4871 for information.

Excel Level 2

Nov. 20, 8 a.m.-noon, Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797, call 221-2518 or 221-2705.

Notice of Fitness Center Closure

The Big Area Tent, temporarily housing the Brigade Gym at the corner of Hardee and Williams

Roads, closes permanently Nov. 16. The Central Post Gym, Building 961, is projected to reopen in January 2013.

Thanksgiving 2012 on JBSA-Fort Sam Houston, Bullis

The dining facilities on JBSA-Fort Sam Houston and JBSA-Camp Bullis will be serving Thanksgiving meals Nov. 21-22. Hours are: noon-2 p.m., Rocco DFAC No. 1, Building 2745; noon-2:30 p.m., DFAC No. 3, Building 1287; 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Nov. 21 Camp Bullis DFAC No. 4, Building 5107. The Slagel DFAC No. 2, Building 1377 will be closed.

'Scrooge' at Cole High School

The Robert G. Cole High School music and drama departments invite the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston community to celebrate the season at their annual holiday dinner theater musical featuring Charles Dickens' "Scrooge." Shows are Nov. 29 through Dec. 1. Dinner is served each day at 5:30 p.m. in the Cole High School Mall; with show time at 6:30 p.m. in the Moseley Gym. Cost is \$7 per person; reservations can be made on the Cole website at http://colehs.fshisd.net/.

Fall Ball Sign Up

Youth Sports is hosting the annual fall basketball league for youth ages 5 to 15 years of age. Registration deadline is Nov. 30 at Parent Central, Building 2797. Cost is \$65. Children participating in youth sports must have a current physical on file with Child, Youth & School Services at the time of registration. Call 221-5519/5513 for information.

Wrap Up Some Holiday Funds

Private organizations, unofficial activities and informal funds authorized to operate on JBSA-Fort Sam Houston can raise funds for their causes while spreading some holiday cheer. The JBSA-FSH Post Exchange is seeking partners for the annual community gift wrap program. The program runs from Black Friday, Nov. 23, through Christmas Eve. Call 221-0010 for available dates. Organizations are asked to provide their own tape, ribbons, bows and scissors.

JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Ticket Office Fall Hours

Open Tuesday through Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. The ticket office will reopen on Saturdays in spring 2013. Call 226-1663.

Discount Tickets for Winter Ballets

The Sam Houston Community Center ticket office, Building 1395, is selling discount tickets for the Moscow Ballet, 7 p.m. Dec. 28, and 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Dec. 29. Discount tickets are also available for the Nutcracker, 7:30 p.m. Dec. 21, 2 and 7:30 p.m. Dec. 22, and 2 p.m. Dec. 23. The ticket office also has discount tickets for Disney on Ice "Rockin' Everafter," April 10-14. For more information, call 226-1663.

Sportsman Range

The range is open 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday-Sunday. DOD card holders may shoot their personal pistols, rifles and shotguns. Firearms must be registered at JBSA-Camp Bullis. The range may close unexpectedly because of weather or troop use. Range users should call before coming out for target practice. Call 295-7577.

Theater Arts Program

Children, ages 4 and up, can take the stage after a long day at

school in the Theater Arts Program at School Age Services, Building 1705. The cost is \$80 for a month of biweekly classes. Classes are 4-5 p.m. for ages 4-6, 5-6 p.m. for ages 7-10 and 6-7 p.m. for ages 11 and up. Call 221-3381 for information.

Home Child Care Providers Needed

Family Child Care on JBSA-Fort Sam Houston is looking for family members interested in providing licensed child care in their homes. Providers can earn additional income at home, full or part time. For more information, call 221-3828.

Parent Central Customer Service Hours

JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Parent Central assists walk-in patrons from 8 a.m.-noon and 2-4 p.m. for registration and 12:30-1 p.m. for out processing and payments. Call 221-4871.

Before and After School Care Registration

Register your child for before and

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717th MI Battalion helps school kids appreciate veterans

Story and photos by Gregory Ripps 470th Military Intelligence Brigade Public Affairs

Volunteers from the 717th Military Intelligence Battalion went to Columbia Heights Elementary School Nov. 8, as a lead-in to Veterans Day, to give children a sample of what it means to be a Soldier.

The visit served as part of the battalion's ongoing community outreach program with the school, which is south of downtown San Antonio. The Soldiers strove to offer themselves as positive role models to help the children appreciate veterans.

Spc. Patrick Piche promptly volunteered.

"I love coming out here," said the young Soldier. "Just as we're the future of the Army, some of these kids are our future leaders."

The day's events opened with the battalion's honor guard posting the colors followed by Airmen of the 802nd Security Forces Squadron canine section providing a working dog demonstration.

Then third-, fourthand fifth-graders ceased being merely spectators and rotated through stations for first aid, vehicles, communications, military food and physical training.

The physical training took the form of a relay race in which the children took turns crawling, running with a back pack, carrying a water can, sack-jumping and leap-frogging over a short course, all with the prompting and supervision of the 717th MI Battalion's Soldiers.

At the communications station, kids received a quick lesson on the



Children leap-frog around an orange cone as part of a relay race, as Spc. Mike Vargas looks on. He and other Soldiers of the 717th Military Intelligence Battalion visited Columbia Heights Elementary School Nov. 8 to give children a look at military life and to help them appreciate veterans.

phonetic alphabet and an opportunity to talk on an Army radio. At the first aid station, they learned how to wrap arms and legs and prepare slings. At the vehicles station, they got to climb inside a Humvee, and at the military food station, they got to see how Meals Ready to Eat are cooked and got a taste of them.

Maj. Scott Linker, the battalion's operations and training officer, credited Sgt. 1st Class Darrell Hudson with organizing the event.

"This community outreach is very rewarding for both the Soldiers and the children," said Linker. "We want the children to appreciate the meaning of Veterans Day and what veterans mean to their community."

Cadets in the Harlandale High School Junior ROTC assisted with the day's activities. Their instructor, retired Staff Sgt.



Two boys practice applying a bandage to Capt. Tyler Johnson's arm while he gives them a short lesson in first aid.

Augustine Rodriguez, said a military career would allow children in unhappy circumstances a means of escape.

"These demonstrations offer the children a snapshot of some things they might be doing [in the military]," said Rodriguez.
"If we can instill in them
the Army values, they will
go far in life."

Fifth grade science teacher Gail Gordon said the children were "enjoying it and learning a lot." Several of her students



A Columbia Heights Elementary School student tries out the horn of a Humvee under the supervision of Sgt. Steve Carson.



Pvt. Josh Martin encourages a sack jumper, who manages to clear the ground, in this portion of a physical fitness, relay race among third-graders at Columbia Heights Elementary School.

readily voiced agreement.

"It's fantastic they do all these projects," said fifth grader Illiana. Ricardo, fifth grade, succinctly summed up his opinion of the Soldiers: "They're cool."



Holiday in Blue Concert

The United States Air Force Band of the West presents Holiday in Blue 7 p.m. Dec. 7 and 3 p.m. Dec. 8 and 9 at Edgewood Independent School District Theatre of Performing Arts, 607 SW 34th Street. Free tickets are available by visiting http://www.bandofthewest. af.mil.

A Wonderland Christmas at Morgan's Wonderland

A Wonderland Christmas will be open 5 to 9 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays from Nov. 23 to Dec. 22. In addition to the park's regular rides and attractions, Morgan's Wonderland will recreate the North Pole at the Butterfly Garden playground and have it serve as the focal point for strolling entertainers, such as carolers, choirs and magicians. Visit http://www.morganswonderland.com for information.

Van Autreve Sergeants Major Association

The SMA Leon L. Van Autreve Sergeants Major Association meets at 5 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month at the Longhorn Café, 1003 Rittiman Rd. All active duty, Reserve, National Guard and retired sergeants major are invited and encouraged to attend. Call 221-0584 or 889-8212.

Foster a Puppy

The Department of Defense dog breeding program needs families to foster puppies for three months. Potential foster families need time and patience to raise a puppy age 12 weeks to six months, a stimulating and safe home environment and a desire to help raise a military working dog. Call 671-3686 for more information.

Dinosaur Stampede

The San Antonio Botanical Garden, 555 Funston, will feature a life-size dinosaur exhibit through Dec. 31. Call 207-3255 or visit http://www.sabot.org for more information.

FORT FREEBIES FOR SALE

FOR SALE: Dog crate, excellent condition, folding double door, black, satin finish, 24 inches by 18 inches by 19 inches, leak-proof plastic pan, \$30; dog bed, like new, small, 15 inches by 18 inches, \$35; hand-crafted metal table with black marble top, 37 inches long, 16 inches wide, 32 inches high, \$75; three-level metal and wood shoe rack, new, \$25; brass fireplace tools, four piece set, \$54. Call 313-0061.

FOR SALE: GE refrigerator with ice maker, white 19 cubic feet, good condition, \$175; queen-size bed with headboard and frame, \$175; dresser, \$35; living room set includes multi-color sofa with coffee & inner table, \$175; black TV entertainment center, \$50. Call 241-1291.

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Commissary rewards card

The Defense Commissary Agency's new commissary rewards card allows shoppers to download coupons directly onto the card and redeem them at checkout. For more information, visit your local commissary or go to http://www. commissaries.com.

Auto ad scam

Army and Air Force Exchange
Service officials warn car shoppers
from Texas to Colorado to beware of
false advertisements in Auto Trader
and major metropolitan newspapers
offering automobile sales through
a company calling itself "Exchange
Inc." It is reported the Exchange's
trademarked logo and name are
being used without permission
to purportedly sell vehicles in the
United States, despite the fact

that military exchanges do not have the authority to sell vehicles in the continental United States. AAFES facilities are located solely on military installations. While the Exchange does have mail order and Internet offerings, the Exchange does not advertise in civilian outlets such as metropolitan newspapers or automobile sales magazines.

Bicycle Helmets Required

Anyone who rides a bicycle, tricycle, motor drive bicycle or operates non-motorized transportation such as skateboards, kick-scooters and roller skates on an Air Force installation are required by Air Force Instruction 91-207 to wear a properly fastened and approved bicycle helmet. During hours of darkness, riders are required to wear a retro-reflective vest, jacket or outer garment containing retro-reflective material. In addition, bicycles should be equipped with a white

front light (not a reflector) visible for 500 feet and red rear reflector or light visible from the rear of the bicycle from a distance of 300 feet.

Budge Dental Clinic Hours Change

Walk-in exams at the Budge Dental Clinic, located at 3145 Garden Ave., Building 1278, are from 6 to 10 a.m. and noon to 2 p.m. Monday through Friday. Sick call is from 6 to 10:30 a.m. and noon to 3 p.m. weekdays. The clinic is open from 6 a.m. to 3 p.m., and closed for lunch from 11 a.m. to noon weekdays. There are department and clinic meetings from noon to 1 p.m. each Thursday. Patients may call to schedule an exam/ prophylaxis appointment in place of a walk-in exam. These combination appointments are limited and only offered certain days of the week. For more information, call 808-3736 or 808-3735.

CHAPEL WORSHIP SCHEDULE

PROTESTANT SERVICES

Main Post (Gift) Chapel

Building 2200, 1605 Wilson Way 8 and 11 a.m. - Traditional

Dodd Field Chapel

Building 1721, 3600 Dodd Blvd. 8:30 a.m. - Samoan 10:30 a.m. - Gospel

Army Medical Department

Regimental ChapelBuilding 1398, 3545 Garden Ave.

9:20 a.m. - 32nd Medical Brigade Collective Service

Brooke Army Medical Center Chapel

Building 3600,

3851 Roger Brooke Rd.

10 a.m. - Traditional **Evans Auditorium**

Building 1396, 1396 Garden Ave. 11:01 - Contemporary "Crossroads"

CATHOLIC SERVICES

Daily Mass

Brooke Army Medical Center Chapel Building 3600, 3851 Roger Brooke Rd. 11:05 a.m., Monday through Friday **Main Post (Gift) Chapel**Building 2200, 1605 Wilson Way

11:30 a.m., Monday through Friday **Saturday**

Main Post (Gift) Chapel 4:45 p.m. — Reconciliation 5:30 p.m. - Evening Mass

Sunday

8 a.m. - Morning Mass, AMEDD 8:30 a.m. - Morning Mass, BAMC 9:30 a.m. - Morning Mass, MPC 11:30 a.m. - Morning Mass, BAMC 12:30 p.m. - Morning Mass, DFC

JEWISH SERVICES

8 p.m. - Jewish Worship, Friday, MPC 8:30 p.m. - Oneg Shabbat, Friday, MPC

ISLAMIC SERVICE

1:30 p.m. — Jummah, Friday, AMEDD

LATTER DAY SAINTS SERVICES

1 p.m. - LDS Worship, Sunday, AMEDD

For worship opportunities of faith groups not listed here, please visit the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Chaplain's website at http://www.samhouston.army.mil/chaplain.

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after school care at JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Parent Central, 221-4871. Warriors in Transition and their family members should register at Soldier Family Assistance Center, Building 3936 Acubo Barracks or call 916-6377. Registration is ongoing until full.

School Liaison Office

The JBSA-Fort Sam Houston School Liaison Office can assist patrons in registration, provide information about the local school system and community, educate parents on school policies, procedures, programs and schedules and home schooling. Call 221-2214/2256 or visit http://www.fortsammwr.com/youth/slo.html.

Story Time at the Library

Preschool children are invited to the weekly story time at 10 a.m. Thursdays, at the Keith A. Campbell Memorial Library, Building 1222 on Harney Path. Call 221-4702.

Thrift Shop Open

The JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Thrift Shop at 3100 Zinn Road, run by the Spouses' Club of the Fort Sam Houston Area, is open and full of clothing, shoes, housewares, toys, books, furniture, jewelry and more. Hours are 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The thrift shop will be closed the week of Thanksgiving and reopen Nov. 28 through Dec. 1. Consigned items are taken those same days from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Donations are taken anytime during regular business hours. For more information, call 221-5794/4537 or click on http://www.scfsh.com.

Pet Consult Services Available at JBSA-Lackland

The Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland Veterinary Treatment Facility provides animal behavior consult services for family pets. The VTF's military animal behavior resident is scheduling appointments. The Army resident can assist pet owners with understanding their pet's behavior, and preventing, managing, or resolving pet behavioral problems. Common problems may include aggression, fear, anxiety, hyperactivity, inappropriate elimination and tail chasing. For details, call 671-3631/2245.

Education and Training Office

The 502nd Force Support
Squadron Education and Training
Office offers a variety of military
testing, including Professional
Military Education, Career Development Courses and Defense
Language Proficiency testing. PME
Testing is conducted on Tuesdays,
CDC on Wednesdays, and DLPT on

Thursdays. Education and Training also offers Armed Forces aptitude testing such as the Armed Forces Classification Test and Armed Forces Officer Qualification Test. Tests are scheduled on an asneeded basis. To schedule military testing at JBSA-Fort Sam Houston, call 221-0852.

Basic Skills Education Program

Classes are Monday-Friday 7:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. for a period of 14 working days. Service members will receive instruction in reading comprehension, vocabulary, and math skills. The class is designed to teach basic college preparatory skills to service members with a GT score less than 110. Call 221-1738 to enroll.

Stilwell House

The JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Stilwell House, a historic landmark since 1888, is open for tours, receptions and parties. The Stilwell House is managed by the Society for the Preservation of Historic Fort Sam Houston, Inc. a 501(C) (3) corporation not affiliated with the Department of Defense. Call 224-4030 or 655-0577.

Cloverleaf Communicators Club

Meetings are held the first and third Thursday of every month 11:45 a.m.-1 p.m. at San Antonio Credit Union, Stanley Road, in the conference room. Call 916-3406 or 221-8785 or visit http://powertalkinternational.com/.

Future Speakers on the Horizon

Enjoy food and develop public speaking and leadership skills the second and fourth Wednesday of each month, noon-1 p.m. at the Joint Program Management Office, Building 4196. Call 295-4921.

Sergeant Audie Murphy Club

The SMA Leon L. Van Autreve Chapter of the Sergeant Audie Murphy Club meets the last Thursday of each month, noon-1 p.m. at the Army Medical Department Museum. All Sergeant Audie Murphy or Sergeant Morales members are invited and encouraged to attend. Call 221-4424 or 837-9956.

Retired Enlisted Association

Chapter 80 of the Retired Enlisted Association meets at 1 p.m. on the fourth Wednesday of each month at the JBSA-Lackland Gateway Club. Call 658-2344 for more information.

Lost Property

If you have lost any property on JBSA-Fort Sam Houston, call 221-2340. To claim items, you must have a form of photo identification and be able to identify the property.